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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III: SPC DISCUSSION JULY 22 OF DRAFT  
GUIDANCE

REF: A. USNATO 3814 DTG 171755Z JUL 75

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1. SPC ON JULY 22 RETURNED TO PARAS 1-3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE  
ON OPTION III (TEXT IN PARA 11, REF A).

2. RE PARA 1, NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) AGAIN OBJECTED TO THE  
BRACKETED LEAD-IN TO THE LAST TWO TICS (THE PHRASE "ON CONDITION  
THAT ALL THESE GOALS ARE AGREED IN PHASE I OF THE NEGOTIATIONS"),  
ON GROUNDS THAT THIS COULD MEAN THE EAST WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT  
ALL ALLIED GOALS BEFORE THE ALLIES COULD START EXPLAINING  
OPTION III. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) PROPOSED REVISING THE LEAD-IN  
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AS FOLLOWS: "THE ALLIES ARE NOT PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING IN  
EXCHANGE FOR AGREEMENT IN PHASE I ON ALL THESE GOALS:".   
THIS WAS AGREED AD REFERENDUM.

3. RE PARA 3 OF DRAFT GUIDANCE, US REP (MOORE) INTRODUCED CHANGES IN PARA 5, REF B AS A COMPROMISE, BUILDING ON FRG "EITHER" TEXT. HE NOTED THAT IN DROPPING REFERENCE TO AN EXCHANGE INVOLVING MILITARY ELEMENTS OF EXPRESSED CONCERN TO BOTH SIDES, US HAD COME A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO REACH CONSENSUS. US THUS HOPED THAT ALLIES COULD AGREE TO THE "UNIQUE TRADE" REFERENCE WHICH CAME OUT OF JULY 7 SPC MEETING, RATHER THAN INSIST ON THE LATER "UNIQUE OFFER" ALTERNATIVE. HE SAID US CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE JULY 7 COMPROMISE BY WHICH THE BELGIAN "PLUS" PARAGRAPH WAS REPLACED BY THE CONCLUDING PHRASE IN PARA 3.

4. FRG (HOYNCK) AND BELGIAN REPS PREFERRED THE OPENING OF THE "EITHER" PARAGRAPH ("THEY SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT THE ALLIES MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION THAT") OVER THAT IN THE US PROPOSAL ("THE ALLIES SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION THAT"). THEY SAID THE OPENING OF THE "EITHER" PARAGRAPH MADE IT CLEAR THE AHG WAS TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE OTHER SIDE. US REP SAID THE US LANGUAGE DID NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT THE AHG WOULD BE MAINTAINING THEIR POSITION WITH THE OTHER SIDE, BUT ELIMINATED REDUNDANCY IN THE "EITHER" VERSION. CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) SUGGESTED BEGINNING IT "THE ALLIES SHOULD RESTATE THEIR POSITION THAT."

5. FRG REP OPPOSED US PROPOSAL TO REPLACE "GROUND FORCE MANPOWER" IN THE "EITHER" PARA BY "GROUND FORCES." US REP POINTED OUT THAT THIS PARA CLAIMS TO BE A STATEMENT OF EXISTING ALLIED POSITION, SO "GROUND FORCES" IS NECESSARY TO BRING IT INTO ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF ALLIED OUTLINE OF PROPOSALS. BELGIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS SUPPORTED THE US ON THIS POINT. FRG REP INSISTED GUIDANCE SHOULD REFER TO "GROUND FORCE MANPOWER" AS THE FOCUS OF THE NEGOTIATION. BELGIAN REP PROPOSED AS AN ALTERNATIVE DELETING "GROUND FORCE MANPOWER WHICH CONSTITUTES." AND INSERTING "THUS" PRIOR TO "ADDRESS" SO THE PHRASE WOULD READ: "THE ALLIES SHOULD RESTATE THEIR POSITION THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE LARGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ELEMENT IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD THUS ADDRESS .... ETC." FRG REP  
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SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS LANGUAGE. OTHER SPC MEMBERS SEEMED PREPARED TO ACCEPT EITHER US OR BELGIAN LANGUAGE (IF LATTER WOULD RESULT IN CONSENSUS).

6. RE LAST SENTENCE OF US PROPOSED REVISION TO PARA 5, FRG, CANADIAN (BARTLEMAN), AND UK (SINTON) REPS PREFERRED "UNIQUE OFFER" AS OPPOSED TO "UNIQUE TRADE" BUT SAID THEY WOULD REPORT TO THEIR AUTHORITIES. NETHERLANDS REP SUPPORTED "UNIQUE TRADE" ON GROUNDS THAT US HAD DONE ITS BEST TO FIND A COMPROMISE. BELGIAN REP SAID HE ALSO PREFERRED "UNIQUE TRADE", WHICH HE SAW AS REFERRING BACK TO THE LEAD-IN TO THE LAST TWO TICS OF PARA 1. HOWEVER, HE FOLT THAT THE OTHER US CHANGE IN THIS SENTENCE MADE IT CLEAR WHAT THE "UNIQUE TRADE" REFERRED TO,

I.E. THE US CHANGE WHICH WOULD REPLACE "THE NEW ALLIED MOVE" IN THE "EITHER" VERSION BY "THE ALLIED PROPOSAL AS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE NEW ALLIED MOVE." AS HE SAW IT, THIS US CHANGE WOULD MAKE THE EXISTING ALLIED POSITION PLUS OPTION III THE UNIQUE TRADE. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD PUT THE ALLIES IN THE POSITION OF PUTTING FORWARD THE EXISTING ALLIED POSITION PLUS OPTION III ON A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT BASIS. IT WOULD THEREFORE HELP HIM SUPPORT THE WORDS "UNIQUE TRADE" IF THE GUIDANCE MAINTAINED THE "EITHER" VERSION REFERENCE TO "THE NEW ALLIED MOVE."

7. FRG REP SAID FRG CONTINUES TO WANT TO MAINTAIN THE BELGIAN "PLUS" PARAGRAPH IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (FRG IS THE ONLY COUNTRY WISHING TO KEEP THIS PARAGRAPH).

8. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FRG COMMON CEILING PAPER, UK CEILINGS AND CONSTRAINED PAPER, AND WORK PROGRAM REPORTED SEPTEL.

9. NEXT SPC CONSIDERATION OF OPTION III WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 24.

10. ACTION: A) WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION IN TIME FOR JULY 24 SPC MEETING THAT WE MAY ACCEPT, IF IT APPEARS NECESSARY TO REACH CONSENSUS: THE BELGIAN SUGGESTION IN PARA 2 ABOVE; THE CHAIRMANS SUGGESTION IN PARA 4; AND THE BELGIAN SUGGESTION IN PARA 5. B) WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THE BELGIAN POINT IN PARA 6 ABOVE ON WHETHER THE "UNIQUE TRADE" SHOULD REFER TO "THE NEW ALLIED MOVE" OR TO "THE ALLIED PROPOSAL AS SECRET

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SUPPLEMENTED BY THE NEW ALLIED MOVE." THE PREVIOUS US FORMULATION REFERRED SIMPLY TO "THE NEW ALLIED MOVE", AND TO THE EXCHANGE INVOLVING MILITARY ELEMENTS OF EXPRESSED CONCERN AS AN "UNIQUE TRADE" (REF C, PARA 4). THE NEW US FORMULATION ON WHAT CONSTITUTES THE UNIQUE TRADE MAY HAVE BEEN IMPLICIT IN THIS BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THE REASON FOR THIS CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS US TEXT. BRUCE.

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